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DEVICE FOR REDUCING NOISE IN IMAGE SIGNALS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3.   The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first factor (P) is formed by dividing a constant by a further constant minus the feedback factor (O) of the preceding image.
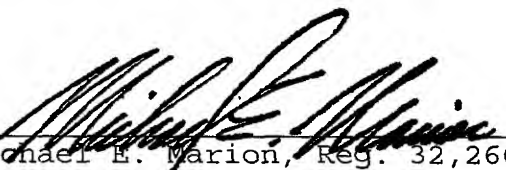
5.   The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second factor (L) is formed by dividing a limiting value (E) by the absolute value of the difference between the preceding (Y) and the current (X) image.

The foregoing amendments to claims 5-8 were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights he may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

3.   The device as claimed in claims 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein
the first factor (P) is formed by dividing a constant by a
further constant minus the feedback factor (O) of the
preceding image.

5.   The device as claimed in <u>claim 1</u>~~one of the
preceding claims~~, wherein the second factor (L) is formed by
dividing a limiting value (E) by the absolute value of the
difference between the preceding (Y) and the current (X)
image.